

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

HIGH WEST STREET DORCHESTER

within the RC Diocese of Plymouth: Diocesan Charity No 213227

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" [Pope Francis EG114]*

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord -Year C

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Psalter Week 2 of Breviary

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Date	Church Open for Pilgrims	Mass Times	Intentions
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8am-12 noon	<b>Mass 8.30 am</b> <b>Mass 10.30 am</b>	<i>Margaret William Hume RIP (RC)</i>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Closed	<b>No Mass at Holy Trinity</b> <b>Welcoming of Pilgrims from Bridport 4 pm</b>	
<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6pm-7.45pm	<b>Stations of the Cross 6.25 pm led by JC</b> <b>Mass 7 pm</b>	<i>400 years Congregation and the Mission (J and MC)</i>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Closed	<b>No Mass at Holy Trinity</b> <b>Chrism Mass at Plymouth Cathedral 12 pm</b>	
<b>Thu 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	5pm-10pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm, followed by Silent Adoration until 10 pm</b>	
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	2pm-5.30pm	<b>Walk of Witness (Churches Together in Dorchester) Start at St Peter's Church - 9.30 am</b>  <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 pm</b>  <b>Stations of the Cross 5 pm (Kerala Community)</b>	<b>The Good Friday Collection will be sent to support the Holy Places in the Holy Land.</b>
<b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	6.30pm-9.30pm	<b>The Easter Vigil 8.30 pm</b>	

<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	8am-12 noon	<b>Mass 8.30 am</b> <b>Mass 10.30 am</b>	
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Monday SOL</b>	Closed	<b>No Mass at Holy Trinity</b>	
<b>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Tuesday SOL</b>	6pm-7.45pm	<b>Holy Half Hour and Benediction 6.25 pm led by Fr Babu</b> <b>Mass 7 pm</b>	
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Wednesday SOL</b>	9.30am-12 noon	<b>Mass 10 am</b> <b>Margaret McDade's Coffin will arrive at the Church 6 pm</b>	<i>Francis Osborn Int (IO)</i>
<b>Thu 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Thursday SOL</b>	10.30am-1.30pm	<b>Requiem Mass for Margaret McDade 12 pm</b> <b>Followed by cremation at Weymouth Crematorium 1.45 pm</b>	
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Friday SOL</b>	9.30am-12 noon	<b>Holy Half Hour and Benediction 9.15 am</b> <b>Mass 10 am</b>	
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Saturday SOL</b>	8.30am-11am	<b>Mass 9 am</b> <b>Confessions 9.35-10.45 am</b>	

### Intercessions for our Priests and Deacons:

*Mon: Deacon Paul Hewson;; Tue: Deacon Michael Hughes; Wed: Deacon Anthony Irwin*

**Pray for the Sick:** Rosemary Cortes, Denise Chapman, Christopher Browne, Sarah Jones, Ralph Johnson, Patricia Netley, Jim Watten, Carl Thomson, Alison Sandford, Sr Cosmos, Sr Damian, William Parmiter, Richard Crail, Robin Netley, Kevin Gibson and for all those in Nursing Homes

**Pray for those who have died recently:** Pat Charles, Ronald Kirby, Michael John Smith, Phyllis Titterington, Audrey Bowen, Diana McGuinness, Robert Blackwell, Mary Hardiman, Mary Carmel, Kate Gorman, Noreen Hague, Janet Bicheno and Margaret McDade.

**Right to Life:** 13th April (Palm Sunday) - "As we recall the welcome of the Lord into Jerusalem and then His Passion and Death, let us pray for that spirit of welcome, allowing us to see the Lord in people who are homeless, those who are disabled, immigrants, and the unborn. Lord hear us".

## JUBILEE EVENTS

We are delighted to invite **all married couples** to a **Special Jubilee Mass** on **Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 10:30 AM** at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester**.

This Mass will be a beautiful occasion to **celebrate the gift of marriage**, receive a **special blessing**, and participate in the **renewal of marriage vows**. It is a time to give thanks for the journey of love and commitment, seeking God's continued grace in your married life.

As **Pope Francis** reminds us:

*"Marriage is a symbol of life, real life: it is not 'fiction'! It is the Sacrament of the love of Christ and the Church, a love which finds its proof and guarantee in the Cross."* (Pope Francis, General Audience, May 6 2015)

We warmly invite all couples, whether newly married or celebrating many years together, to join us in this joyful celebration. May this be a moment of renewal, gratitude, and deepened love in your marriage. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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We joyfully invite **all Religious and Lay Associated Members** to a **Special Jubilee Mass** on **Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 10:30 AM** at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church Dorchester**.

This Mass is an opportunity to give thanks for your **dedication, service, and witness to the faith**. It will be a time to reflect on God's grace in your vocation and renew your commitment to His mission.

As **Pope Francis** beautifully reminds us:

*"A Church without religious sisters and brothers is unthinkable. The Church is in need of you, of your witness, and of your courage to go to the peripheries."* (Pope Francis, Address to Religious, February 1 2020)

We invite you to join us in this sacred celebration, where we will honour your commitment to Christ and pray for continued strength in your ministry and service.

May this Jubilee Mass be a moment of **renewal, joy, and gratitude**, as we seek to follow Christ more faithfully in our daily lives. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## PARISH UPDATES AND PROGRAMMES

## **Holy Week and Churches Together:**

**1) Walk of Witness** – will begin at St Peter's Church on Good Friday at 9.30 am, process along South Street to the Borough Gardens where there will be musical worship and reflection. Refreshments will then be available at Dorchester Baptist Church.

**2) Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** – 6 am at Maumbury Rings.

The next **Jubilee Meeting** will be held on **Friday 25th April at 6:30 PM.**

The next **Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 30th April at 7:00 PM.**

Another upcoming CAFOD event: The ever popular annual **CAFOD Quiz** will take place at the Parish Centre on **Friday May 16th at 7 pm.** Ploughman's Supper provided but please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The **CAFOD group** is holding the first of several guided Jubilee Reflections on **Saturday May 3rd at 12 noon** in the Church (Date for your diary). Come and join us for this short time of peaceful reflection and prayer.

**Summer Fete:** Parishioners, a date for your diary. Holy Trinity will be holding their Summer Fete on **Saturday 7th June.** We are excited to bring this event and look forward to your support. If you can help in any capacity please let us know through the Parish Office.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day.** Thank you to all who contributed generously to the Fast Day collection. The splendid sum of £355 was donated. A number of parishioners donate on line in so the parish in fact gave a larger sum. Please keep the people of Kenya affected by climate change in your prayers.

**Finances:** The Parish is grateful to all Parishioners who support the Parish financially.

**Easter Giving:** The Easter Offering is an opportunity to show our appreciation for Fr Babu. Envelopes will be available in the Church from this Sunday and you can place them in the collection basket at any time. Numbered envelopes have been sent to those who Gift Aid their donations. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme, forms are available at the back of the Church or please email [dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:dorchester-giftaid@prcdtr.org.uk) Thank You.

If you are donating by cheque, it should be made payable to "**Plymouth Diocesan Trust Dorchester RC Parish**". Please make sure all giving envelopes are sealed, as donations may easily slip out.

The **Card Machine** is available for your Offertory giving and you can now Gift Aid Offertory donations. It is also available for purchases from the Repository and for contributions towards the Church Flowers.

**Pilgrims' stories:** Please see the laminated Jubilee posters, which we hope, will encourage all Pilgrims to share their stories of Hope with our Diocesan community.

**In response to the Pope's call for Jubilee Year** debt cancellation and invited by two prominent Catholic MPs, CAFOD recently held a Parliamentary Reception in the Speaker's House in support of the Appeal to cancel debt to impoverished nations and to reform the lending system. Over a hundred CAFOD supporters from around the country attended and were joined by our MPs many of whom (including our own) are very supportive. There were inspiring and well informed speeches from the Speaker Lindsey Hoyle and several MPs including Annaliese Dodds who recently resigned her Front Bench position in protest at Government cuts in Overseas Aid. 54 countries are now in debt crisis which means they are spending more on high interest debt repayments to their wealthy lenders (big Banks) than on desperately needed health or education. A majority of these loans are governed by UK law which places us in a unique position of influence on the Appeal for cancellation.

In the previous Jubilee 2000 campaign over £100 billion of debt was cancelled: since then the problem has worsened and the system remains unregulated. A full Report is available on the **CAFOD website**.

**Diocesan Final Lenten Reflection** from Monsignor Robert Draper for Palm Sunday and The Passion Of The Lord here: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-0CDFB0D664AD2FB12540EF23F30FEDED>

Parish Information

Priest in Charge: Fr. Babu Francis CM, Fr. Scott Anderson (Retired)

Deacons: Rev Nicholas Thompson (Retired)  
and Rev Jonathan de Kretser (07876 748836)

Parish Safeguarding Reps:  
Elizabeth Hughes (01305 269163)

Guidance and information also on [www.csas.uk.net/resource-area](http://www.csas.uk.net/resource-area)  
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Website: [www.holytrinitycatholicchurchdorchester.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitycatholicchurchdorchester.org.uk)

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Parish Secretary: Irina Osborn Tuesday– Friday 9 am – 2 pm,

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Pastoral Council: Chair – Mark Rodgers (01305 250488)

St. Mary's Catholic School, Lucetta Lane, Dorchester DT1 2DD Tel: 01305 262258

Headteacher: Mrs. Paula Fearn

**Marriages this year:**

Madeleine Ruth KERRIDGE and Mark Christopher MITCHELL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2 pm.

Cloudagh Roseleen McBRIDE and Harvey James Hearn at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 12 pm.

Klaudia Eliza OSMALEK and Sylvanus Omotuemen EHIABHI at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Eastleigh on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 11 am.

Ivana JELINIC and Michael Stephen DALTON at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Dorchester on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm.

**Palm Sunday**

**Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of **Holy Week**, the most sacred time in the Church's calendar. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds greeted Him with palm branches, shouting "*Hosanna!*" a moment of celebration that quickly led to the sorrow of the Passion.

For Catholics, **Palm Sunday** invites us to walk closely with Christ, to praise Him not just in joy, but to follow Him through suffering, humility, and ultimately, to the Resurrection.

During a **Jubilee Year**, Palm Sunday holds even deeper meaning. A Jubilee is a time of renewal, mercy, and spiritual freedom. As we hold our palm branches, we are reminded that Jesus is the true King not of worldly power, but of hearts transformed by grace. This day calls us to open our lives anew to His mercy, to walk the path of forgiveness, and to recommit ourselves to the journey of faith.

In this Jubilee Year, Palm Sunday is not only a remembrance, it's a personal invitation to begin Holy Week with open hearts, ready to receive the fullness of Christ's love and to celebrate the new life He offers.